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In re Application of

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DECISION ON

PETITION UNDER

37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is a decision on applicants' "Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)/ Transmittal of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371," filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 09 July 2002.

## **BACKGROUND**

On 30 August 1999, applicants filed international application PCT/EP99/06371, which claimed a priority date of 09 September 1998. A Demand for international preliminary examination, in which the United States was elected, was filed on 24 January 2000, within nineteen months from the priority date. Accordingly, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 09 March 2001.

On 09 March 2001, applicants filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, inter alia, the U.S. Basic National Fee.

On 27 April 2001, the USPTO mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating, inter alia, that an oath or declaration of the inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) and the surcharge for late filing of the oath or declaration were required.

On 28 November 2001, applicants submitted petitions under 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 37 CFR 1.137(b), which were accompanied by, inter alia, a declaration of inventorship.

On 10 May 2002, the Office mailed Decision On Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and 37 CFR 1.47(a) granting the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and dismissing without prejudice the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

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## **DISCUSSION**

Applicants have submitted an executed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b). The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot.

## **CONCLUSION**

For the above reasons, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application, including accordation of a 35 U.S.C. date of <u>09 July 2002</u>.

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